

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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| IN RE APPLICATION OF:               | § | ATTY. DOCKET NO.:   AUS920000621US1 |
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| <b>RECIO ET AL.</b>                 | § | EXAMINER: <b>MOHAMMAD SIDDIQ</b>    |
|                                     | § |                                     |
| SERIAL NO.: <b>09/692,350</b>       | § |                                     |
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| FILED: <b>OCTOBER 19, 2000</b>      | § | ART UNIT: <b>2154</b>               |
|                                     | § |                                     |
| FOR: <b>EFFICIENT PROCESSOR FOR</b> | § |                                     |
| <b>HANDOVER BETWEEN</b>             | § |                                     |
| <b>SUBNET MANAGERS</b>              | § |                                     |

**FOURTH RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.37**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Appeal Brief is submitted in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated September 20, 2007, for Appeal Brief filed on December 21, 2004. A one-month extension of time is required and is hereby requested. No additional fees are believe to be required, however, should any fees be required to file this Compliant Appeal Brief, please charge that fee, as well as any additional required fees, to IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. **09-0447**.

### STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 and 17-20 stand finally rejected by the Examiner as noted in the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2004. The rejection of Claims 1-15 and 17-20 is appealed.

Appellants respectfully request the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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